

**Vision Education & Personnel Committee
Meeting Minutes for August 22, 2002
Emergency Medical Services Authority
1930-9th Street, Sacramento, CA
10:00am – 4:00pm**

I. Introductions

Members Present:

Debbie Becker – Committee Lead
Nancy Steiner – EMSA Staff Lead
Michael Frenn – Solano County EMS Agency
Sean Trask – EMSA Staff
Louis Bruhnke – North Coast EMS Agency

Non-Members Present:

Miranda Swanson – EMSA Staff
Mercia Brandon – Vision Office

The minutes from the July 1 meeting were approved by consensus.

II. Agenda Items

? **Scope of Practice Document**

1. The Scope of Practice document has been finalized, as well as the definitions document and the brochures for careers in EMS.
2. Nancy will present the Scope of Practice document to EMDAC and will send it out over the list-server for comment.

? **Rural Education Surveys**

1. Sean presented some of the comments from the various LEMSAs that responded regarding rural education and provider profiles.
2. The committee reviewed the responses and analyzed the findings. Overall, the results revealed that most of the rural areas have problems with finding appropriate times to give C.E., trouble with volunteer attendance, lack of instructors willing to travel to outlying areas, and limited number of available classes.
3. Debbie put together recommendations for rural areas, including: in-house C.E. approvals, base hospitals must offer classes, encourage LEMSAs to develop a plan for rural education.
4. The Paramedic Task Force is looking at limits on “restrictive C.E.,” which ensures that EMS employees receive a variety of C.E. classes. They are also putting together regulations on requirements for online C.E.
5. Nancy - The Rural Surveys will be sent to training coordinators in other states in order to gain information on C.E. providers and requirements via their list-server.
6. C.E. requirements should be in regulations and follow the CQI model. The Paramedic and EMT-I Task Forces are currently trying to align C.E. requirements. They will have a joint meeting on October 1 and 2

regarding C.E. requirements and will have separate meetings in November and December before the Vision Conference.

? **Objective 5 – Educating the Public on the Appropriate Use of the ER**

1. Nancy suggested that a list of resources (urgent centers, clinics, etc) should be distributed with each flyer.
2. Title change – from “ER Overcrowding – What You Can Do To Help” to “Do You Have an Emergency?”
3. Michael Frenn suggested that the brochures should only be used locally (perhaps to be distributed at health fairs, public health clinics, on-board ambulances). He will also develop a position paper for this objective.

? **Review of MDOs for Paramedics – Revising for EMT-Is**

1. The Recommended Guidelines for Disciplinary Orders and Conditions of Probation were distributed to the group.
2. Send comments to Debbie by September 20
3. Sean suggested that the disciplinary regulations should be referenced instead of the APA (this would go into Chapter 6 – and would have to go into a 45-day comment period).

III. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for October 1, from 4-7pm (in conjunction with the EMT-I and Paramedic Task Forces meetings on October 1 and 2). At this meeting, all of the documents will be finalized and the committee will plan for the final Vision Conference in December.